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Chapter 1 : Facts About the Second Coming of Christ : Christian Courier

Christ's return is emphasized in no less than seventeen Old Testament books and seven out of every ten chapters in the New Testament. The Lord Himself refers to His return twenty-one times. The Second Coming is second only to faith as the most dominant subject in the New Testament.

What is the difference between the Rapture and the Second Coming? The rapture and the second coming of Christ are often confused. Sometimes it is difficult to determine whether a scripture verse is referring to the rapture or the second coming. However, in studying end-times Bible prophecy, it is very important to differentiate between the two. The rapture is when Jesus Christ returns to remove the church all believers in Christ from the earth. The rapture is described in 1 Thessalonians 4: Believers who have died will have their bodies resurrected and, along with believers who are still living, will meet the Lord in the air. This will all occur in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye. The second coming is when Jesus returns to defeat the Antichrist, destroy evil, and establish His millennial kingdom. The second coming is described in Revelation. The important differences between the rapture and second coming are as follows: At the second coming, believers return with the Lord to the earth Revelation. The rapture occurs before the tribulation 1 Thessalonians 5: The second coming includes the removal of unbelievers as an act of judgment Matthew. The second coming will be visible to all Revelation 1: The rapture is imminent; it could take place at any moment Titus 2: Why is it important to keep the rapture and the second coming distinct? The rapture and second coming are similar but separate events. Both involve Jesus returning. Both are end-times events. However, it is crucially important to recognize the differences. The second coming is the return of Christ to the earth to bring the tribulation to an end and to defeat the Antichrist and his evil world empire.

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Chapter 2 : Major Events Preceding the Second Coming of Christ | racedaydvl.com

The Second Coming (sometimes called the Second Advent or the Parousia) is a Christian and Islamic belief regarding the future (or past) return of Jesus Christ after his supposed ascension to heaven about two thousand years ago.

By Wayne Jackson The second coming of Christ cf. It is alluded to more than times in the New Testament Thiessen, Isaiah spoke of the time when every knee would bow and every tongue would swear allegiance to God Is. Daniel prophesied of a future bodily resurrection Dan. New Testament Affirmation As indicated above, the New Testament abounds with information regarding the second coming of Christ. Jesus himself affirmed it on numerous occasions cf. There is a special Greek term commonly used for the return of Christ. Let us now consider the issue of the second coming from both positive and negative vantage points. Features of the Second Coming There are explicit features of the second coming that identify the nature of this grand event. Consider the following points. Certainty of the Second Coming The second coming is certain to occur. The very integrity of Christ is at stake in this matter. He will come at an unexpected time Mt. Not even Christ, during his personal ministry, knew when that day would occur cf. This was due to his self-limitation of certain knowledge while on earth. Strange indeed are the claims of certain modern religionists who imagine they can calculate that which the Lord could not! Date setters have been notoriously wrong. Clearly then, since the dead have not yet been raised, the second coming obviously did not occur in A. Thus, that coming has not occurred, and there will be no place for a 1, year earthly reign of Christ following that coming, as alleged by premillennialists. Events Associated With the Second Coming Though we touched slightly upon the following issues in points discussed previously, we now will consider them more systematically. The Resurrection The general resurrection of the dead is connected with the return of Christ. The ancient Sadducees denied the resurrection Mt. But the doctrine of the bodily resurrection is affirmed abundantly in the New Testament see Jn. Judgment The day of judgment is likewise connected with the second coming Mt. Christ will be the judge Jn. All human beings who ever have lived will be judged Rom. Each person will be judged by the law of God under which he lived. The ancient Gentiles will be judged by the law of the conscience Rom. Those of the Christian age will be judged according to the law of Christ 1 Cor. The judgment will be irrevocable. There is no post-judgment redemption, nor is there an eventual annihilation for the wicked.

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Chapter 3 : The Rapture and the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

With Christ's second coming and the last judgment being separate events, Christ must first come as a man to bring redemption near (Luke) by preaching the gospel so God's people may be prepared for the time of the last judgment.

These books may sell many copies, but they mislead their readers. Jesus told His disciples: Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with the hand mill; one will be taken and the other left Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come" Matthew However, Jesus wants us to "keep watch. There are nearly biblical passages discussing the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. The key events can be summarized with the acrostic: As we saw above, no one but the Father knows when. However, we do know it will take place "as lightning. It is spoken of by Jesus and many others in the Bible. Jesus will physically come again for all His believers and for His final judgment. Unfortunately, some Christian cults teach that Christ "secretly" returned already. The Bible declares that Jesus will be the final judge of the world John 5: Some of the additional verses describing the second coming, resurrection of the dead, millennium, and final judgment are located in Acts There are over 6 billion people on the planet. If this is true, over ,, people will vanish from the earth simultaneously according to Matthew There will be no mistaking when Christ comes back for His Church! No One Knows When. God is outside time. Second Coming of Christ - The "D" is for "Doubters" As we get closer and closer to the Second Coming of Christ, there will be increasing and widespread doubt about whether Jesus even existed. People will also start wondering if God really exists and believers will leave the Christian faith 2 Thessalonians 2: God , the Father, sent His only Son to satisfy that judgment for those who believe in Him. Jesus , the creator and eternal Son of God, who lived a sinless life, loves us so much that He died for our sins, taking the punishment that we deserve, was buried , and rose from the dead according to the Bible. If you truly believe and trust this in your heart, receiving Jesus alone as your Savior , declaring, " Jesus is Lord ," you will be saved from judgment and spend eternity with God in heaven. What is your response?

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Chapter 4 : Second Coming Of Christ

Jesus Christ is coming back to this Earth very soon. Now, Jesus Himself made it crystal clear that we cannot know the date of His return. He stated in Matthew , "of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone."

Bible Questions August 15, Any study of the End Times can create a variety of questions, concerns, and even confusion in our minds about the judgment of Christ. Sometimes it is difficult to see how obscure passages, distant places, and unfamiliar symbols can have any significance for our lives. Although Christians are most familiar with the first coming of Christ, it is the Second Coming that gets the most ink in the Bible. References to the Second Coming outnumber references to the first by a ratio of eight to one. Scholars count 1, biblical references to the Second Coming, including in the New Testament. The Lord Himself refers to His return twenty-one times. The Second Coming is second only to faith as the most dominant subject in the New Testament. To help you understand and appreciate this topic, I have compiled a list of questions and answers to the most frequently asked questions about biblical prophecy and the judgement of Christ. Who is the Judge? Not only that, but the Bible says that Jesus will come with His holy angels to pour out His judgment. When is the judgment of Christ? It takes place when the Son comes in all His glory, so this judgment will be at the Second Coming. Where does the judgment of Christ take place? This judgment will take place on earth, not in heaven. Jesus Christ will reign over the restored earth for a thousand years the Millennium in His kingdom, then over a newly created heaven and earth for all eternity. Who will be judged? The judgment will be over all the unbelievers on the earth Revelation At this time, Christ will return to earth with His raptured saints to judge the unsaved and reign over the earth. Though He will have taken the believers into heaven at the Rapture seven years earlier, others will have come to believe in Him during that dreadful time called the Tribulation. All those who have believed in Christ during the Tribulation will also reign with Him for a thousand years. What will the Second Coming be like? For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together. Immediately after the Tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. The Second Coming will be a glorious event beheld by believers and unbelievers alike. In His first coming He was wrapped in swaddling clothes. In His second coming He will be clothed royally in a robe dipped in blood. In His first coming He was surrounded by cattle and common people. In His second coming He will be accompanied by the massive armies of heaven. In His first coming the door of the inn was closed to Him. In His second coming the door of the heavens will be opened to Him. In His first coming His voice was the tiny cry of a baby. In His second coming His voice will thunder as the sound of many waters. In His first coming He was the Lamb of God who came bringing salvation. In His second coming He will be the Lion of the tribe of Judah who comes bringing judgment. Is My Name in the Book of Life? When you believe in Jesus Christ, you receive the free gift of eternal life and make your reservation in heaven. There, separated from the glory of God, they will remain in an unending state of hopeless agony. As important as the study of prophecy and the judgement of Christ is, every person must first discover the answer to the last question we posted in this article: A second question that every believer must consider is: Clearly there will be a separation between believers and unbelievers, and we do not want those we love to be found on the wrong side. It is imperative that we not only commit ourselves to Christ, but that we also commit ourselves to the work of evangelism.

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And I believe that if I live out my lifetime, a natural lifetime, I believe I will live to see the return of Jesus in the Rapture when He comes back to take us to be with Himself, which means preceding that there are going to be some signs.

Bkmrk Not long after writing 1 Thessalonians, Paul and his missionary band, which included Silas and Timothy, wrote a second letter from Corinth. It is a stronger letter, no doubt prompted by some report of renewed problems in the church. Near the beginning of this second letter, Paul also encourages the Thessalonians to stand fast in spite of the persecution they are experiencing, and explains the severe judgment that their persecutors face. Growing in Faith, Love, and Perseverance 1: He thanks God for two things: Increasing [] love for one another. This would be expected in a healthy church, but it is remarkable in light of their circumstances. This young church is undergoing significant persecution and trials -- and in spite of that they are growing in Christian character. Paul uses three words to describe the stresses that they are facing: This is uncomfortable -- and sometimes is enough to silence us to our shame. But this is hardly persecution. What the Thessalonians were facing was an organized program to make their life miserable. It was apparently begun by the Jewish community in Thessalonica, and then continued by the secular authorities. Sometimes, persecution can decimate a congregation or Christian movement in a region. However, persecution can have some positive effects as well. Persecution is a stressor that can strengthen your spiritual life if you let it. Trials or tribulations 1: It can describe all kinds of difficulties that face us in life -- family problems, financial pressures, job concerns, health problems, etc. When a young tree is planted in its final location, it is often supported by a couple of wood stakes to keep the tree from blowing over during a windstorm. But if improperly applied, these stakes can harm the long-term health of the tree. The tie to the support needs to be loose enough that the trunk has room to move back and forth in the wind. Trees -- and humans -- can grow strong through stress. It is no accident that after his baptism, the Father purposely led Jesus into a situation of intense stress: He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. But when he became human, he had emptied himself of some of his divine prerogatives Philippians 2: He was pure, he was holy, but he was untested. In order to destroy the works of the devil in his ministry 1 John 3: Rather than being drained by the encounter, Jesus emerged from the desert strengthened "in the power of the Spirit" Luke 4: Next, Paul speaks of "the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. The related noun is pathos, from which we get our English word "pathos," "evoking pity or compassion," and prefix patho-, which combined with other words, denotes disease and suffering, such as "pathology," "pathogen," etc. The trials and struggles we experience are by no means trivial. They entail real suffering. But the Thessalonians had experienced what many Christians have discovered over the ages, that we grow more when our faith is tested than when all is going well. The Wonderful Fruits of Testing 1: When we see God faithful to answer our fervent prayers in the midst of our trials, our faith blossoms. If God can help us in this situation, we reason, he can help us in any situation. People who go through difficulties together find that the bonds that unite them become stronger and stronger. The Thessalonians are loving each other more and more because of their common persecutions and tribulations. They know they can outlast troubles in the future without giving in. Jesus is stronger than our trials. But, over all, the fruit of the Spirit could be seen in their lives. What would we be like without the testing of our faith? Counted Worthy of the Kingdom 1: I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign [] to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved -- and that by God. Now Paul lays out several important principles about judgment: God is Just 1: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you 7 and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. The adjective is dikaios. The neuter here denotes that which is "obligatory in view of certain requirements of justice, right, fair, equitable. God defines what righteousness is. This theme is seen often in the Old Testament. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. He pays

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back in kind. This is the ancient principle of proportional retribution. Indeed, the idea of just consequences or recompense for actions is at the basis of rudimentary parental discipline as well as civil law. Our English word "vengeance" means, "punishment inflicted in retaliation for an injury or offense, retribution. Sometimes, people contend that love makes justice obsolete. Jesus speaks of just judgment. We Are to Leave Vengeance to God Though God brings righteous vengeance against the wicked -- and governmental authorities are charged with executing just punishment on earth Romans Vengeance is reserved to God. God is able to balance love and justice, though we find it very difficult in practice. Notice how God combines mercy and justice in these verses: Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation. What is the difference between rehabilitation and retribution? How do you balance love and justice?

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Chapter 6 : What Does the Bible Say about the Judgment of Christ? - FaithGateway

Many who believe in the premillennial return of Christ also hold that He is coming for His church and that this coming for His church is an event which will precede even the premillennial return. This event also will occur before the beginning of the predicted time of the tribulation.

The Pew Research Center recently released a survey about what events Americans believe will unfold in the next forty years. One interesting question asked about the return of Jesus Christ: As expected, predictions about whether Jesus Christ will return to earth in the next 40 years divide along religious lines. Among those who think Jesus will probably return to earth in forty years, there are more GOPers 24 percent than Democrats 18 percent that believe this will happen. But what does it mean? How does this fit into the overall views of Christians in America? Not surprisingly, there are few areas of Christian theology more contentious or confusing than eschatology, the study of the end times. Should the Book of Revelation be interpreted literally or metaphorically? Will Christ establish his Kingdom on earth or has his millennial reign already begun? The four points of agreement are: Jesus Christ will physically return to earth one day. There will be a bodily resurrection of all people who have ever lived. Satan will be defeated and constrained forever. One of the central issues involves the millennium, the thousand-year period during which Christ is said to rule the world. The four most popular views in evangelicalism are dispensational premillennialism, historical premillennialism, amillennialism, and postmillennialism. Dispensational premillennialism is the view that Jesus will return to remove the church from the world in an event known as the rapture. Theories differ on whether the rapture will occur before, in the middle of, or after a seven year period called the tribulation pre-trib, mid-trib, post-trib. These events will culminate in a literal thousand year rulership of Christ when peace will reign, the natural world will no longer be cursed, and evil will be suppressed. A final rebellion, however, will break out which will end in God crushing evil forever, judging the resurrected, and establishing heaven and hell. The following beliefs are features of dispensational premillennialism: Christ offered to the Jews the Davidic kingdom in the first century. They rejected it, and it was postponed until the future. God has separated programs for the church and Israel. The church will ultimately lose influence in the world and become corrupted or apostate toward the end of the church age. Christ will return secretly to rapture his saints before the great tribulation. After the tribulation Christ will return to earth to administer a Jewish political kingdom based in Jerusalem for one thousand years. Satan will be bound, and the temple will be rebuilt and the sacrificial system reinstated. Near the end of the millennium Satan will be released and Christ will be attacked at Jerusalem. Christ will call down judgment from heaven and destroy his enemies. The second resurrection and the judgment of the wicked will occur, initiating the eternal order. The New Testament Church may win occasional victories in history, but ultimately she will fail in her mission, lose influence, and become corrupted as worldwide evil increases toward the end of the Church Age. The Church will pass through a future, worldwide, unprecedented time of travail. This era is known as the Great Tribulation, which will punctuate the end of contemporary history. God will intervene with fiery judgment to rescue Christ and the saints. The resurrection and the judgment of the wicked will occur and the eternal order will begin. Amillennialism is the belief that the millennial kingdom is indeterminate in length and fulfilled by Christ currently ruling in heaven. At the end of this reign Christ will come back to gather the church and judge the nations. The following are features of amillennialism: The church age is the kingdom era prophesied in the Old Testament, as the New Testament church takes the role once assigned to Israel. Insofar as Christ presently rules in the hearts of believers, they will have some influence on culture while living out their faith. The eternal destiny of the redeemed may be either in heaven or in a totally renovated new earth. The following are features of postmillennialism: The Messianic kingdom was founded on earth during the earthly ministry of Christ, in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy and making the New Testament church the transformed Israel. The kingdom is essentially redemptive and spiritual rather than political and physical. The kingdom

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will transform society and culture during history. The Great Commission will succeed bringing about the virtual Christianization of the nations. At this point there are two types of postmillennialists. Pietistic postmillennialists deny that the postmillennial advance of the kingdom involves the total transformation of culture through the application of biblical law. An extended period of great spiritual prosperity may endure for millennia, after which history will come to an end by the personal, visible, bodily return of Christ accompanied by a literal resurrection and a general judgment, which ushers in the final and eternal form of the kingdom. Postmillennialism was popular during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and is still popular with many mainline denominations. Few evangelicals, however, hold this view of eschatology. Like many Southern evangelicals, I assumed for many years that dispensational premillennialism was the historic biblical position. John was referring to.

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Chapter 7 : Premillennialism - Wikipedia

The Second Coming on the Clouds - Salvation and Judgement Armageddon News The Return of Jesus and His Complete Victory over The Incredible Second Coming of Jesus Christ! End Time Prophecy.

Is The Return of Christ Premillennial? Article contributed by www. It is possible, however, to give a summary of the essential facts of this tremendous doctrine. Some today are saying that it does not make much difference what we believe about the coming of the Lord and that the emphasis on the premillennial return of Christ is a misguided effort. They urge that we concentrate on inspiring Christians to win others to know Christ as Savior, and to experience a deeper spiritual life; that we emphasize present spiritual issues and let the future take care of itself. All thinking Christians will agree that it is possible to put too much time on any one phase of truth, including the prophetic word. A few may be guilty of studying prophecy without facing the challenge of living for Christ and bearing a real testimony for Him. The Word of God itself, however, gives us teaching on the proper place of prophetic study. While it places a great emphasis on the gospel and on living for Christ in the present, it also contains much about the future. Certainly God knew what He was doing when He guided the men who penned the Scriptures to write about prophecy. So in studying the subject of the coming of the Lord, we are simply doing that which the Scriptures do. The study of the premillennial return of Christ will help one to see the significance of many present world events, as well as something of the prospects that are before the Christian. Not all students of Scripture agree on the exact place of the return of the Lord in the prophetic program. In general there are three different answers given, regarding the time of the coming of Christ. These are commonly described as the postmillennial, amillennial, and premillennial views. If the teaching involved in these terms is understood, it will enable one to understand some of the reasons why there is such confusion in much of the Biblical teaching of our day. Only one of these three ways is in agreement with the Scriptures. Anyone who wants to study the Bible and be instructed must face the issues and come to a conclusion about it. About three hundred years ago there was a man by the name of Daniel Whitby who was a Unitarian and something of a heretic. In fact, his writings on the Trinity were publicly burned by the Church of England. He introduced a relatively new idea in prophetic teaching, that the gospel would be preached throughout the world with such increasing success that eventually the whole world would be Christianized, and that everyone would come in one sense or another to the knowledge of Christ. He thought that by means of preaching the gospel a Christian civilization would be realized throughout the world which would reach the level of universal peace and righteousness predicted by the prophets. He anticipated this time of peace and righteousness and blessing under the gospel would go on for a thousand years or a millennium of time the word millennium means a thousand years. This view became very popular in spite of the fact that it was introduced by a heretic. When World War I started, however, people began to ask whether the gospel ever would conquer the whole world, and whether the world after all was getting better and better. Postmillennialism Now Discarded From a practical standpoint, the beginning of World War II destroyed the hope that the world would get better and better and eventually become Christianized. For the most part, postmillennialism is a discarded theory today. The postmillennial interpretation of the Bible is not according to either the Bible or history. There is no evidence that the world is moving toward a universal acclaim of the Lord Jesus Christ. For all practical purposes, this view may be dismissed. The Amillennial View This leaves the two remaining views to be considered—amillennialism and premillennialism. Just what is meant by amillennialism? The letter a is a prefix added to indicate negative meaning. Amillennialism is a term that is given to the non-millennial view and properly represents the concept of those who deny that there ever will be a millennium or a thousand-year reign of Christ on the earth. It has quite a history which cannot be considered here. It was popularized by a Roman Catholic father by the name of Augustine who lived in the fourth and fifth centuries. He believed that the only millennium there ever would be was the millennium in which he was living. This began the popular belief that the millennium is this present age, between the first and second

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comings of Christ. Augustine, however, saw so much sin, paganism, unbelief, and opposition to God that he had to admit that there was not any universal peace or righteousness on the earth in his day. It certainly was obvious to anyone that the millennial conditions pictured in the Bible were not being fulfilled in any realistic sense. So Augustine spiritualized the prophecies dealing with the millennium and in effect did away with a literal fulfillment of them. That is why this view is known as the amillennial or nonmillennial position. According to this method of interpreting prophecy, when Christ comes back He will not introduce a millennium but, instead, will usher in the eternal state at once. If this view were true, there would be no thousand-year reign of Christ on the earth after His second coming. The Premillennial View Opposed to this denial of the millennium is the premillennial view, which was the belief of the early church from the first century. This belief concerning the prophetic Scriptures has been commonly taught for many years in Bible conferences and held by many Bible teachers and Christian institutions. The premillennial position is, in a word, that Christ is coming back to the world before the establishment of the millennial kingdom. Many believe that Christ is coming back to take the church to heaven first. This will be followed by a time of great trouble in the world while the church is in heaven with the Lord. After this time of trouble, Christ will return to the earth with the church to establish His millennial kingdom. From the standpoint of the premillennial return, it means simply that when Christ comes back to establish His kingdom He will bring this world to a place of peace and righteousness by His power and presence. He will rule for a thousand years, and there will be the fulfillment of the promised kingdom on the earth of which Christ will be King. As absolute ruler, He will punish sin as He acts in perfect righteousness. There will be no open sin permitted and the whole world will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. In other words, the idea of a premillennial return of Christ pictures Christ coming back first and after that the millennial age, the kingdom on earth, will follow, lasting for a thousand years. Is the Millennial Age Present or Future? These three millennial views are quite different, and only one of them can be right. If one dismisses the postmillennial idea that a millennium will come through preaching the gospel, it leaves the question of choosing between amillennialism and premillennialism—whether the present age fulfills the millennium, as the amillennial view holds, or whether the millennium will be fulfilled in the future after Christ returns, as premillennarians believe. A study of the Scripture will present the fact that this present age is not a fulfillment of the promised kingdom. We are not in the millennium today in any real sense of the word. Therefore, if we believe the Bible to be the Word of God and interpret it in its ordinary literal sense, we must look forward to a future time when Christ Himself will bring the kingdom to pass after He returns. It will be in contrast to the covenant that He made through Moses to the children of Israel in Egypt. It is defined in these words: And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: It will not be necessary to distribute gospel tracts or to do any of the things that concern the extension of the gospel to the heathen. The Scripture prophesies that everyone will know the truth about the Lord in that day. The Scriptures clearly predict that this will be true. Is it true today? It certainly is not true. One could canvass the situation in the very block in which he lives and find that there are many people who do not know anything about the Lord. There are those who do not know the difference between the Old and the New Testament. There is colossal ignorance concerning the Lord today. In that day, however, everyone will know the Lord for He will be the King of the whole earth. What does this passage teach? It teaches that Israel as a nation will continue as long as the sun and moon endure. God declares that it is just as impossible for the nation of Israel to be cast off forever as it is to measure the heavens or to search out the foundations of the earth. God has made this fact very clear. Every time one sees the sun or the moon, there is a reminder that God has a plan and a program for Israel. That plan and program are not being fulfilled in the present age. The plan does not have its fulfillment in the nation Israel today. It is true that Israel has a political state once again in Palestine, but the nation Israel is still scattered all over the world. The Scriptures predict that there is coming a time when God will deal with the nation Israel once again. This promise will be fulfilled in the coming millennial reign of Christ which will follow His return to the earth. The Scriptures, then, give very definitely some promises to Israel, which are not fulfilled now, but

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which will be fulfilled when Christ comes back and establishes His kingdom. A further word about this is found in the seventeenth chapter of Genesis. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. If one studies the geography that is back of the promise in Genesis 15, it will be found to comprehend the tremendous reach of land all the way from Egypt to the river Euphrates, which is hundreds of miles to the east. Special emphasis is given the phrase, the land of Canaan, in Genesis 17 where it is used in the wide sense of all the land of Palestine. They came close to it in the time of Solomon when much of it was put under tribute. God promised not only that He would give this land to the people of Israel, but He promised that they would possess it forever. It is perfectly obvious that the children of Israel do not possess this land today. Until they do there cannot possibly be fulfillment of the Scripture that pertains to the millennial kingdom reign of Christ. Today Jerusalem itself is divided into two sections. Israel owns one section of it and the other section of it does not belong to Israel. Their land is divided. This again is the fulfillment of prophecy which predicted that Jerusalem Would be trodden under the feet of Gentiles throughout this age. The Bible provides very definite prediction not only that Israel will continue forever as a nation, but that Israel will possess the land in its tremendous area as long as this earth continues. All of this has never been fulfilled in the past. It is not being fulfilled today.

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Chapter 8 : What Does the Bible Say About the Second Coming of Jesus?

The final phase of the process of redemption began with the first coming of Jesus and will culminate in the events surrounding His Second Coming. There will be a final judgment of all people, living and dead.

To try to grasp the when, what and how of this Second Coming and last judgment, we really need to glean the various passages in Sacred Scripture to see how our Church has interpreted them. They are united in one drama. Our Lord in the Gospel spoke of His second coming. He indicated that various signs would mark the event. Mankind would suffer from famine, pestilence and natural disasters. False prophets who claim to be the Messiah will deceive and mislead people. Nations will wage war against each other. The Church will endure persecution. Worse yet, the faith of many will grow cold and they will abandon the faith, even betraying and hating one another. Paul describes a "mass apostasy" before the Second Coming, which will be led by the "son of perdition," the "Man of Lawlessness," the "adversary who exalts himself above every so-called god proposed for worship. However, "the Lord Jesus will destroy him with the breath of His mouth and annihilate him by manifesting His own presence. Our Lord will come suddenly. Peter predicts, "The day of the Lord will come like a thief and on that day the heavens will vanish with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire and the earth and all its deeds will be made manifest" 2 Pt 3: Death will be no more. The dead shall rise and those souls who have died will be united again to their bodies. All will have a glorious, transformed, spiritualized body as St. Paul said, "He will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it according to the pattern of His glorified body At this time, the final, or general judgment will occur. Jesus said, "Those who have done right shall rise to life; the evildoers shall rise to be damned" Jn 5: Our Lord described this judgment as follows: Then He will separate them into two groups, as a shepherd separated sheep from goats" Mt Here each person will have to account for his conduct and the deepest secrets of his soul will come to light. Our attitude and actions toward our neighbor will reflect how well we have loved our Lord. Our Lord will judge us accordingly. For those who have died and already have faced the particular judgment, their judgment will stand. Those living at the time of the Second Coming will receive judgment. Those who have rejected the Lord in this life, who have sinned mortally,, who have no remorse for sin and do not seek forgiveness, will have condemned themselves to hell for all eternity. The souls of the righteous will enter heavenly glory and enjoy the beatific vision and those who need purification will undergo it. We do not know when the Second Coming will occur. Jesus said, "As to the exact day or hour, no one knows it, neither the angels in heaven nor even the Son, but only the Father. Be constantly on the watch! You do not know when the appointed time will come" Mk From The Arlington catholic Herald, 1 December

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The second coming of Christ (cf. Heb.) is a prevailing theme of the New Testament. It is referenced eight times more often than the Lord's initial coming (Pardington,). It is alluded to more than times in the New Testament (Thiessen,).

Preterist View The Preterist view says that the end time prophecies were fulfilled by 70 AD some say they were fulfilled by the fourth century. Nero is seen as the antichrist and Jesus Christ returned in the Spirit. Others have a slightly different view and say that the return of Christ has yet to happen.

Historicist View The Historicist, or Historical, view says that the end time prophecy, as found in the book of Revelation, is fulfilled from the time of Christ until the present day. The one thousand year time span of Revelation chapter 20 is not seen as literal but rather representative of the time from Christ ascension until He returns to set up His kingdom. There are at least three variations of the historical view. One says that the book of Revelation gives an account of the chief phases in the history of the church. Another says it is a detailed history of the church from the cross to the second advent, everything in chronological order.

Spiritual View The A-Millenniumist believe in a spiritual viewpoint, that is, there is no millennium as such, but rather, when the bible talks about a thousand year reign of Christ on this earth, it is all pictorial and not literal. The thousand years is a term which means an unknown period of time which represents the Church age. After this there is the Second Coming the return of Jesus Christ , followed by the great white throne of judgment, and finally a new heaven and a new earth. There is no rapture and no physical thousand year reign of Christ, with His church, on this earth. The book of Revelation does not teach church history as such but rather it is written to show us the type of life that the Christian must endure here on earth. The millennium is seen as the thousand years reign of the church on the earth, which is still in the future. There are those who say that Christ will return before the thousand years commences, others who say that He will return after the thousand years.

Pre-mill, say that Jesus Christ will return after the great tribulation and wrath of God, to set up His Kingdom on this earth and reign through the millennium period which is a thousand years long. **Post-mill**, say that Jesus Christ will return after the thousand years when the Church will have taken over the world and be governing it. Of course there will be different variations held by people in all the different groups. In the Pre Millennium group there are disagreements over the years immediately preceding the thousand years reign of Christ and His Church. This is the period of the great tribulation and wrath of God. The disagreements are concerned with when the rapture of the Church happens. The Church is raptured before the Great Tribulation period and wrath of God. The mid position which is after the Great Tribulation period but before the wrath of God. There is no separate rapture to Christ return. After the wrath of God has been poured out on the earth, Christ comes back for His bride who is resurrected and then reigns with Him for a thousand years. The sad thing is that even among people who believe in the pre millennium view there are those who speak very insulting and critical words against those who hold different interpretations. This thing ought not to be and reveals a lack of humility.

An Important Difference There are some differences among the many views that I think are important to note. There are those who say things will get better and better until Christianity takes over the whole earth. All this happens before the Lord Jesus Christ returns. The danger of this view is that it fits so easily with what the antichrist will set up and with what the New Age and other religions desire. There are others who say that things will get worse and worse until the wrath of God is poured out on the earth followed by the return of the Lord Jesus to reign on earth. Although they believe that things will get worse in the world, they recognize and hope, that there may be short periods of revival in the church where God stirs and quickens His people to witness for Him. These are two major different and opposite views. One view, I believe, exalts the church and focuses our attention on a powerful church government and structure. The other view focuses on the return of Christ as the only hope for this world and the redemption of the church. I myself believe in a pre millennium viewpoint, where things, it is believed, will get worse until the return of Jesus, when the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord Revelation 11 v Looking for Jesus We may all have different views, but if we are

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open to God as His plan unfolds then we will be watching and ready. The question is when will the Church be gathered unto Him on high, before the great tribulation, after it but before the wrath of God, or after the wrath of God? Which position fits best with scripture? The Authorized Version says that we are to wait for His Son from heaven even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come. The tense is not past tense. It is eschatological language. Some of these types can give us a clearer understanding of the attributes of God and how He deals with His people. The apostle Paul recognized that the Word of God had many types in order to give us direction in how we should behave and also encouragement to walk with God. In 1 Corinthians chapter 10 Paul writes about the Children of Israel, the way they behaved and how God dealt with them. It was the same in chapter 9 where he quotes the law that says we should not muzzle the ox that is treading out the corn; Paul recognizes it was for our sakes that it was written in order that the workman should partake in the fruit of his labours 1 Corinthians 9 v Some were obvious facts but others were hidden mysteries that the Lord would illuminate to him from the scriptures. The lives of many of the main characters in the Bible were signs or types of the life of Jesus, other incidents in their lives and the lives of others were representative of the Church. David was the rejected King who came back triumphant. We know the story how he dreamt that one day all his brethren would bow to him, yet how much his brothers hated him. They sold him for twenty pieces of silver and he was taken to Egypt and bought by Potiphar I wonder how much he paid for him. From here, a dungeon, he was exalted to the highest place in the land under Pharaoh who also gave to him an Egyptian Gentile bride, the daughter of the priest in On. Eventually, and this is one of the most moving stories in the Old Testament, there came a time when his brothers would come to him and he would make himself known to them. God had sent a terrible famine on the land for seven years and many people died. They did not recognize him at first; he needed to reveal himself to them. There was no anger or hatred, just a deep emotion of love in being reunited with his brethren and family. There was much weeping and mourning. We can all see the likeness of Joseph with the life of Jesus. Jesus was rejected by His people. He was sold for thirty pieces of silver. He was falsely accused and crucified, his body being placed in a tomb. He has all power in heaven, earth and under the earth. One day soon He will be given a Gentile bride after which there will be seven years of the wrath of God on the earth. It is during this time that He will reveal Himself to His brethren the Jews and they will look on Him whom they pierced and they shall mourn for him Zechariah 12 v Moses Moses too was a type of Jesus; he said that God would raise up a prophet, like unto him. The Jews were always waiting for that prophet. We know the story of Moses, how when he was born the children of Israel were slaves in Egypt. Pharaoh, due to fear, commanded that all the new born male babies born to the Hebrews were to be killed, none were to live. He was rejected by his own people. He went to a distant place from where eventually God sent him back to deliver the Hebrew people. However, while he was away he received a Gentile bride, a daughter of the priest of Midian, whom he brought back with him when he came back to bring the wrath of God upon Egypt and to be accepted as the deliverer by the Hebrews. Do we see the likeness of the life of Moses to the life of Jesus? When Jesus was born Herod had all the boys from two years old and under killed. Jesus was rejected by His own people, He went to a distant place, heaven, where He will one day soon receive His bride whom He will bring with Him as He returns to this earth to tread the winepress of the wrath of God and to deliver His brethren the Jews as they cry out for the return of their Messiah. So we can see from these two important types of Christ some of the sequences of events about to happen. If these men are a type of Jesus and they are , then the question arises, how is Jesus to receive His bride before the wrath of God hits the earth? Although a vast number of Christians have long since slept and their bodies are in the grave while their spirits are with the Lord, there are still many saints alive today. What will happen to those Christians, how will they join those who are asleep in the Lord? Will they need to die also? For if we believe that Jesus has died and has risen again, so also God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus. For this we say to you in the word of the Lord, that we, the living who remain to the coming of the Lord, are in no way to anticipate those who have fallen asleep; for the Lord Himself, with an assembling shout, with archangels voice and with trump of God, shall descend from heaven; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we, the living

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who remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and thus we shall be always with the Lord. So encourage one another with these words. There we have it in a nutshell, what is often called the Rapture of the saints. Does the Rapture precede the wrath of God or does it follow the wrath of God at the manifestation of Christ at the battle of Armageddon? The Apostle Paul wrote about many things in the Bible, some of them hard to understand and some misunderstood. The gathering of the Church in the air is something that Paul shared in order that we might encourage one another with, yet it is one of those issues that Christians strongly disagree about. Paul said that this teaching is in the Word of the Lord. I would suggest that Paul saw it in the taking up of Enoch. There is not much in our Bible about Enoch but there is enough to show us that what happened to Enoch is the same as what Paul is talking about happening to the Church. But without faith it is impossible to please Him. One is that Enoch did not see death but was taken up; the other is that he was a man of faith who walked with God. Jesus did see death, this was why He came. He died and rose again before ascending to heaven, the emphasis is on His death and resurrection, so the story of Enoch is not a type of Jesus, but we can see it is a type of the Church who is walking in faith with God. It corresponds with what Paul has told us will happen to those Christians who are alive in the end times. It is also a warning to the Church that we need to be walking with God by faith in these last days. To be part of the Rapture then we need to take heed of this Old Testament type of the Rapture and be walking with God. The wrath of God great flood was poured out on the earth after Enoch was taken up. The wrath of God will once more be poured out on the earth after the Church has been caught up to be with the Lord.